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Tier Consulting – Performance Budgeting

- Automate the entire budget process with a single system that supports planning, preparation, review, adoption, and allotment of the budget.
 - *Yes, Performance Budgeting supports all phases of the budget preparation process.*
- Create a status quo budget based on prior budget levels, revenue projects, and historical expenditures.
 - *Yes, Performance Budgeting supports the creation of a base budgets based on prior budget levels, historical expenditures or other financial data. The same applies to revenue planning.*
- Allow the departments to enter the budget requests at the detail level, make adjustments using percentage increases or decreases, or practice other mass-change techniques.
 - *Yes, Performance Budgeting is designed for department-level entry, at a detail/line-level. Authorized users may make percentage increases/decrease to individual or multiple lines.*
- Allow the departments and the Council to perform "what if" scenarios to determine the impact of various assumptions.
 - *Yes, Performance Budgeting supports "what if" scenarios.*
- Track budget versions and changes so they can be easily identified for analysis.
 - *Yes, Performance Budgeting maintains historical budget data, including changes, transfers, revisions, and supplements.*
- Automatically apply global changes for benefit costs, cost of living increases, and labor contracts.
 - *Yes, Performance Budgeting supports changes to position budgets for benefits, cost of living and labor contracts.*
- Integrate the budget process with the financial and HR/Payroll systems for original budgets and positions, changes to budgets and positions, historical expenditures, and staffing data.

Yes, Performance Budgeting is designed to support budget and position controls in the financial and HR/Payroll systems, respectively. Historical expenditures and staffing data are systematically loaded into the system as part of the budget preparation.

- Support performance measurement by including measures in budget submittals, allowing basic statistical analysis, and presenting unit costs.
 - *Partial support for performance measurement is provided by Performance Budgeting through system set-up and configuration. Specific business logic to capture and process performance data is not part of the current baseline release.*

Oracle ERP

- Automate the entire budget process with a single system that supports planning, preparation, review, adoption, and allotment of the budget.
 - *Yes*
- Create a status quo budget based on prior budget levels, revenue projects, and historical expenditures.
 - *Yes*
- Allow the departments to enter the budget requests at the detail level, make adjustments using percentage increases or decreases, or practice other mass-change techniques.
 - *Yes*
- Allow the departments and the Council to perform “what if” scenarios to determine the impact of various assumptions.
 - *Yes*
- Track budget versions and changes so they can be easily identified for analysis.
 - *Yes*
- Automatically apply global changes for benefit costs, cost of living increases, and labor contracts.
 - *Yes*
- Integrate the budget process with the financial and HR/Payroll systems for original budgets and positions, changes to budgets and positions, historical expenditures, and staffing data.
 - *Yes*
- Support performance measurement by including measures in budget submittals, allowing basic statistical analysis, and presenting unit costs.
 - *Yes - with attachments.*

Affinity Global Solutions

- Automate the entire budget process with a single system that supports planning, preparation, review, adoption, and allotment of the budget.
 - *Yes. The system starts with prior expenditures from the accounting system, detailed position information from the payroll system and the prior year budget. The entire process is supported including aggregations as the budget process proceeds and ends with passing new appropriations and allotments to the accounting system for budget execution.*
- Create a status quo budget based on prior budget levels, revenue projects, and historical expenditures.
 - *Yes. Need clarification on the term ‘revenue projects’. I assume this means, revenue projections and this can be accomplished by using table driven algorithms, but it is important to define the desired approach to confirm how it would work.*
- Allow the departments to enter the budget requests at the detail level, make adjustments using percentage increases or decreases, or practice other mass-change techniques.
 - *Yes.*
- Allow the departments and the Council to perform “what if” scenarios to determine the impact of various assumptions.
 - *Yes.*
- Track budget versions and changes so they can be easily identified for analysis.
 - *Yes.*
- Automatically apply global changes for benefit costs, cost of living increases, and labor contracts.
 - *Yes.*